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FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF STATEMENT BY CLARK M. CLIFFORD TO JOURNALISTS
AFTER MEETING WITH BULENT ECEVIT, PRESIDENT OF REPUBLICAN PEOPLES
PARTY (MAIN TURKISH OPPOSITION PARTY) TUES 22 FEB:
(BEGIN TEXT)

BEFORE OUR MISSION LEFT WASHINGTON, OUR INSTRUCTIONS FROM PRESIDENT
CARTER WERE TO GET AS BROAD A RANGE OF VIEWS AS WE COULD IN THE
COUNTRIES THAT WE WERE TO VISIT. WE HAVE RECEIVED THE VIEWS OF
YOUR PRESENT GOVERNMENT, AND WE'VE BEEN EXTENDED GREAT COURTESIES
BY THEM. ALSO, WE ASKED FOR AN APPOINTMENT WITH MR. ECEVIT,
BECAUSE WE FELT THAT IT WOULD BE OF VALUE TO US ALSO TO HAVE HIS
VIEWS, BECAUSE OF HIS PAST EXPERIENCE AS A FORMER PRIME MINISTER
AND BECAUSE OF EVENTS THAT ARE LIKELY TO TAKE PLACE IN YOUR
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POLITICAL OPERATIONS, THAT IS THE ELECTIONS THIS YEAR. HE HAS
BEEN EXCEEDINGLY GRACIOUS IN VISITING WITH US, PASSING HIS
VIEWS ON TO US, SO WE THINK THAT WE HAVE A WIDER AND BROADER
CONCEPT OF THE WHOLE RANGE OF OPINIONS IN TURKEY AS A RESULT OF
THIS VISIT.

I WISH PERSONALLY AT THIS TIME TO THANK MR. ECEVIT FOR HIS

COURTESY, AND I THANK ALL OF YOU. IF I DON'T SEE YOU AGAIN I'M
GOING TO MISS YOU. I'VE SEEN YOU SO MUCH THESE LAST THREE
DAYS. THANK YOU AND GOODBYE.
(QUESTION) WHEN WILL YOU TAKE SOME QUESTIONS, MAYBE
TOMORROW AT THE AIRPORT?
(ANSWER) POSSIBLY.
(END TEXT)
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